

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of the Claims:**

Claims 1-9. canceled.

10. (Currently Amended) A method of treating idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis which comprises orally administering to a patient having idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis a ~~therapeutically effective amount~~ 100-400 mg per day of thalidomide, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, or stereoisomer thereof.

11-17. canceled.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [16] 10, wherein said thalidomide is administered in an amount of ~~50 mg~~, 100 mg, 200 mg, 300 mg or 400 mg per day.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10, wherein said thalidomide is in a dosage form for oral, ~~mucosal, potential, topical, transferal or transeutaneous~~ administration to the patient.

20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 19, wherein said dosage form is ~~selected from tablets, caplets, capsules, cachets, troches, lozenges, dispersions, suppositories, powders, aerosols, gels, liquid, eye drops or sterile solids.~~

21-24. canceled

25. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein said dosage form comprises 100-400 mg of thalidomide and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient, carrier or diluent.